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(SBU) Acting EconCouns delivered reftel demarche on July 6 to Christian Hotton of the Argentine MFA's Directorate of International Organizations. Hotton had no substantive comment on the matter, noting that the Secretariat of Communication (in the Ministry of Planning and Public Works) handled International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (ITSO) issues. He said that Communication Secretary Carlos Salas would normally attend ITSO meetings but was unable to attend this one. Therefore, Carlos Chab, Advisor to Secretary Salas, would represent the GoA at the ITSO Assembly. Upon contacting the Secretariat, A/EconCouns was told that Chab had already left for Rome on July 6. A/EconCouns provided the points to the Secretariat.

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